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Motorists advised to avoid area between I-15 and Maple Street in Corona during “Main Push” weekend, Aug. 26-29

The Riverside County Transportation Commission is cautioning motorists to avoid the eastern end of the 91 Project area if possible during its “Main Push” weekend, August 26-29.

Multiple construction activities are planned for the weekend, including the full closure of westbound 91 at Maple Street for a 13.5-hour period and closures of the Main Street Undercrossing, Maple Street Bridge, eastbound Lincoln Avenue ramps, and multiple lanes on both eastbound and westbound 91 between Interstate 15 and Maple Street.

If travel cannot be avoided, motorists should allow extra time, expect changing conditions, follow detour routes, carpool or use Metrolink, and check social media and real-time travel information via IE511.org. Beginning Monday, August 29, motorists will see new roadway configurations, since lanes on the 91 will be shifted toward the outer shoulders to allow crews to continue working in the 91 median.

The “Main Push” construction activities will include:

Closure for Completion of New Eastbound 91 Lincoln Avenue On-Ramp and Off-Ramp – Friday, August 26 at 9 pm to Monday, August 29 at 4 am

- The old eastbound Lincoln Avenue ramps will close permanently Friday, August 26 at 9 pm to allow crews to complete the new ramps for opening Monday, August 29 at 4 am. Both eastbound ramps will be closed throughout the weekend, along with a section of Second Street.

Full Closure of Westbound 91 at Maple Street for Bridge Demolition – Saturday, August 27 at 10:30 pm to Sunday, August 28 at noon

- A full closure of westbound 91 at Maple Street for demolition of the north side of the remaining Maple Street Bridge. Motorists traveling west on the 91 will exit at Maple Street, head north to Pomona Road, and then head west to Auto Center Drive to re-enter westbound 91.
- Eastbound 91 will remain open during the bridge demolition work.

Opening of Half of New Maple Street Bridge – Monday, August 29 at 4 am

- Maple Street over the 91 will be closed starting Friday, August 26 at 9 pm and the first half of the new Maple Street Bridge will open on Monday, August 29 at 4 am. Motorists may use Smith Avenue or Serfas Club Drive for north/south travel during this weekend closure.
- Once the bridge reopens, there will continue to be two northbound lanes with access to westbound 91 at Maple Street.

Closure and Demolition of Main Street Undercrossing between Ramps – Sunday, August 28 at 9 pm for Approximately Two Months

- The Main Street Undercrossing will be completely closed in both directions between the 91 ramps starting August 28 at 9 pm and continuing for about two months. Demolition work will occur during the first week of the closure, and then crews will build the center portion of the bridge over Main Street.
- During the closure, motorists will have access to north/south travel on Main Street using West Grand Boulevard and East Grand Boulevard. These streets will be at full capacity and traffic signals will be optimized to reduce traffic delays. See detour map below.
- Emergency responders will have access beneath Main Street after Labor Day, once demolition work is complete.

Lane Shifts on Westbound and Eastbound 91 between I-15 and Maple Street – Saturday, August 27, from 10 pm to 8 am (westbound 91) and Sunday, August 28, from 9:30 pm to 6:30 am (eastbound 91)

- Multiple lanes will be closed for crews to shift the roadway alignment toward the outer shoulders, repave and restripe the roadway. Consecutive ramps also will be closed in both directions.
- Please use alternate routes if traveling at night.



The 91 Project is adding regular lanes, tolled express lanes, auxiliary lanes and direct express connectors from the northbound 15 to the westbound 91 and from the eastbound 91 to the southbound 15. Improvements to interchanges, ramps, lanes and surface streets also will be made along the 91 between the Riverside County/Orange County Line in Corona and Pierce Street in Riverside. The new lanes are expected to open during the first half of 2017.

For more information, visit sr91project.info, call the helpline at 877-770-9191, or email sr91project@rctc.org.

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